

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	No. 08 CR 107
)	
LAWRENCE SKROBOT, et al.)	Judge Elaine E. Bucklo

UNITED STATES' STATUS REPORT

The United States of America, by its attorney, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, hereby files this status report in advance of the July 11, 2008, status in the above-captioned case.

I. Motions

There are no pending motions.

II. Plea Negotiations

The government has sent plea agreements to 16 of the 18 charged defendants (the two remaining defendants are going to trial). It has engaged in active plea negotiations with 6 defendants, and one defendant (Kevin Earl) is scheduled to plead guilty on July 11, 2008. The government requests that at the July 11, 2008, status hearing, the court set change of plea dates for the other defendants who are prepared to change their pleas to guilty.

Three defendants (Lawrence Skrobot, Donald Thomas and John Lewis) have informed the government that they intend to persist in their pleas of not guilty and proceed to trial. Given the schedules of counsel, the possibility that additional defendants will go to trial and the complex nature of the charges in this case, the government requests a trial date in late February or March,

2009. If defendants Skrobot, Thomas and Lewis go to trial, the government expects the trial to last approximately 4 weeks.

III. Status Hearing

The government requests a status hearing the week of September 21, 2008. In the meantime, it will continue plea negotiations and schedule change of plea dates with the court, as necessary.

Dated: July 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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